



# Lord's Day Service

*At Church of the King on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026*

*The 4th Sunday after Easter*

*"How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalms 119:103*

*Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence*

**Hear Today's Call to Worship From God's Word:** [congregation standing]

*Jehovah opens the eyes of the blind; Jehovah raises those who are bowed down; Jehovah loves the righteous. Jehovah watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down. Jehovah shall reign forever— Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise Jehovah! Psalm 146:8-10*

**God's People Respond With a Hymn of Adoration:** [based on Psalm 145:10]

O worship the King all glorious above,	Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
O gratefully sing his power and His love.	It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,	It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

**Salutation and Response:** [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Psalm 95:6-7a]

*In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit*

**Amen!**

*Jehovah be with you!*

**And also with you!**

*Oh, Come let us worship and bow down;*

**Let us kneel before Jehovah, our maker.**

*For He is our God;*

**And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

# Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

**The Call for Confession from God's Word:** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom Jehovah does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to Jehovah," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. Psalm 32:1-5

**God's People Sing our Hymn of Confession:** [congregation standing]

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG (L.M.)  
Lowell Mason, 1824

Isaac Watts, 1707

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the  
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sor - row and  
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ my God! All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small: Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, And pour con-tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet, Or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

**Silent Confession:** "I cry out with my whole heart; Hear me, O Jehovah! I will keep Your statutes. I cry out to You; Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies." Psalms 119:145-146

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

## Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty who was and is and is to come. In your merciful presence we confess that we have broken your Law, both in what we have done and what we have left undone. We confess that these trespasses, apart from your grace, result in our impurity, and also make us liable to receive your just punishments. We confess our sins and ask that you wash us from our impurities through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge our iniquities, and ask that you shield us from punishment through the atoning death of our Savior. From our violations of your just Law, forgive us through the perfect obedience of our Lord, and empower us to love mercy, do justice and walk humbly with You. Finally, we ask you to receive our praise and worship, for we speak in the blessed name of Jesus, and seek the visible manifestation of His Kingdom on earth, Amen.

## Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

*"God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."* Ephesians 2:4-8

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in Christ** and **in Him** we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness. **Come, let us worship the Lord!**

## Come Bless the Father:

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God. May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Lift up your hearts!**

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

### **Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!**

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O LORD. And so, with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church, as she gathers throughout the world this day, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you & singing:


# God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

## From Heav'n O Praise the LORD

Psalm 148

ST. CATHERINE'S (6 6. 6 6. 4 4 4 4. rep.)  
Horatio R. Palmer, 1834-1907

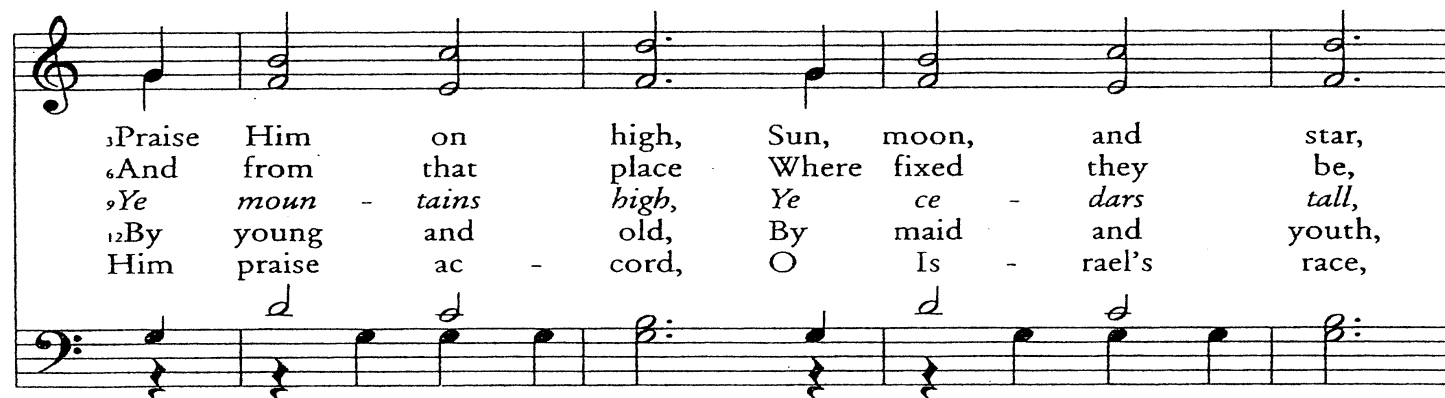
*The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973*



1. From heav'n O praise the LORD; Ye heights, His glo - ry raise.  
LORD;  
2. Yea, let them glo - rious make Je - ho - vah's match - less name;  
3. From earth O praise the LORD, Ye deeps and all be - low;  
4. Let all the peo - ple praise, And kings of ev - 'ry land;  
5. Je - ho - vah's name be praised A - bove the earth and sky.



2 All an - gels, praise ac - cord; Let all His host give praise.  
For when the word He spake They in - to be - ing came.  
Wild winds that do His word, Ye clouds, fire, hail, and snow;  
Let all their voic - es raise Who judge and give com - mand.  
4 For He His saints has raised And set their power on high.



1 Praise Him on high, Sun, moon, and star,  
6 And from that place Where fixed they be,  
9 Ye moun - tains high, Ye ce - dars tall,  
12 By young and old, By maid and youth,  
Him praise ac - cord, O Is - rael's race,



Sun, moon, and star, 7 Ye heav'n's a - far, And cloud - y sky.  
Where fixed they be, By His de - cree They can - not pass.  
Ye ce - dars tall, 10 Beasts great and small, And birds that fly.  
By maid and youth, 11 His name in truth Should be ex - tolled.  
O Is - rael's race, Near to His grace. Praise ye the LORD.

## *Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People*

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:3-6

### **Psalm 90** *A Prayer of Moses the man of God*

[congregation standing]

[90:1] Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God.**

You turn man to destruction, and say, “Return, O children of men.”

**For a thousand years in Your sight *are* like yesterday when it is past, and *like* a watch in the night.**

You carry them away *like* a flood; *they are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up:

**In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers.**

For we have been consumed by Your anger, and by Your wrath we are terrified.

**You have set our iniquities before You, our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance.**

For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh.

**The days of our lives *are* seventy years; And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years,**

Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

**Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath.**

So teach *us* to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**Return, O Jehovah! How long? And have compassion on Your servants.**

Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us, the years *in which* we have seen evil.

**Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children.**

**And let the beauty of Jehovah our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.**

# God's People Respond With a Hymn of Preparation:

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psalm 103: 2*

Joachim Neander, 1680

Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN 14. 14. 4. 7. 8.

Stralsund *Gesangbuch*, 1665

Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y, the King of cre - a - - tion!  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee!  
4. Praise thou the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made thee,  
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - - tion!  
Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!  
Sure - ly his good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;  
Decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.  
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All ye who hear, Now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Hast thou not seen How thy de - sires e'er have been  
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y will do,  
How oft in grief Hath not he brought thee re - lief,  
Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



Join me in glad ad - o - ra - - - - tion.  
Grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - - eth?  
If with his love he be - friend thee!  
Spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him. A - MEN.



**God Speaks to Us Through His Word:** Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

**“A Charge to Faithful Perseverance”**

From Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on 1 Timothy 6:12-16

**God’s People Sing a Hymn of Response:**

[congregation standing]

**Trust and Obey**

*Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people . . . Ex. 19:5*

James H. Sammis, d. 1919

Daniel B. Towner, 1850-1919



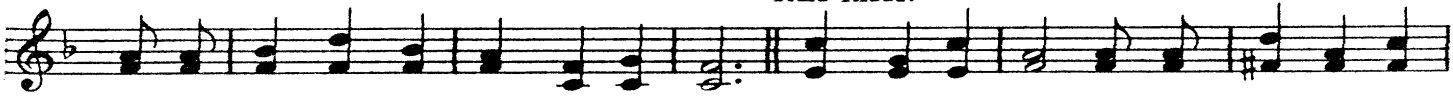
1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of his Word, What a glo - ry he  
2. Not a shad - ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But his smile quick - ly  
3. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share, But our toil he doth  
4. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of his love Un - til all on the  
5. Then in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at his feet, Or we'll walk by his



sheds on our way! While we do his good will, He a - bides with us still,  
drives it a - way; Not a doubt or a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,  
rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown or a cross,  
al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor he shows, And the joy he be - stows,  
side in the way; What he says we will do, Where he sends we will go,



**REFRAIN**



And with all who will trust and o - bey.  
Can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.  
But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er  
Are for them who will trust and o - bey.  
Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



way To be hap - py in Je - sus, But to trust and o - bey. A - MEN.



**God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering:** [congregation standing]

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;” Ephesians 4:11-13

**With the singing of Psalm 100:1-3, & the Doxology**

*Words composed by William Kethe, 1561*

<b>1: All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.</b>	<b>2: Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.</b>
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**5: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**The Great Prayer, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer:**

Evan Vaughn

*“Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer.” Psalm 6:9*

**Our Father,  
Which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one,  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN [Matthew 6:9-13]**

*Communion: Where God Communes With His People*

**Preparation for Communion:**

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ’s Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call

# Our Confession of Faith - The Apostle's Creed [sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

The image shows a piano accompaniment for the Apostle's Creed. It consists of nine systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady accompaniment.

I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Ma - ker of hea - ven and earth;

8  
And in Je - sus Christ, His on - ly be - got - ten Son, our Lord; Who was con - ceived by the

16  
Ho - ly Spi - rit, born of the vir - gin Ma - ry, Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius

25  
Pi - late, was cru - ci - fied, dead and bur - ied; He de - scend - ed in - to

35  
hell; the third day He rose a - gain from the dead; He as - cend - ed in - to

43  
heav - en, and sit - teth at the right hand of God the Fath - er Al - migh - ty; From

52  
thence He shall come to judge the liv - ing and the dead. I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

60  
I be - lieve a ho - ly cath - olic Church, the com - mun - ion of saints, the for - give - ness of sins; the

70  
re - sur - rec - tion of the bo - dy, and the life ev - er - last - ing. A - men.

# **THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE:** (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

*A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread*

## **God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:**

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

### **How Sweet and Awful Is the Place**

ST. COLUMBA (C.M.)  
Old Irish hymn melody

Isaac Watts, *Hymns and Sacred Songs*, 1707

1. How sweet and awful is the place  
2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
3. "Why was I made to hear Thy voice,  
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
5. Pit - y the na - tions, O our God!  
6. We long to see Thy church - es full,

With Christ with - in the doors, While ev - er - last - ing  
Join to ad - mire the feast, Each of us cry, with  
And en - ter while there's room, When - thou - sands make a  
That sweet - ly drew us in; Else we had still re -  
Con - strain the earth to come; Send Thy vic - to - rious  
That all the cho - sen race May with one voice and

love dis - plays The choic - est of her stores!  
thank - ful tongues, "Lord, why was I a guest?  
wretch - ed choice, And rath - er starve than come?"  
fused to taste, And per - ished in our sin.  
Word a - broad, And bring the stran - gers home.  
heart and soul, Sing Thy re - deem - ing grace.

## **Feasting At The Lord's Table:** A simple act of obedience on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of a new Week

*Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine*

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

# Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

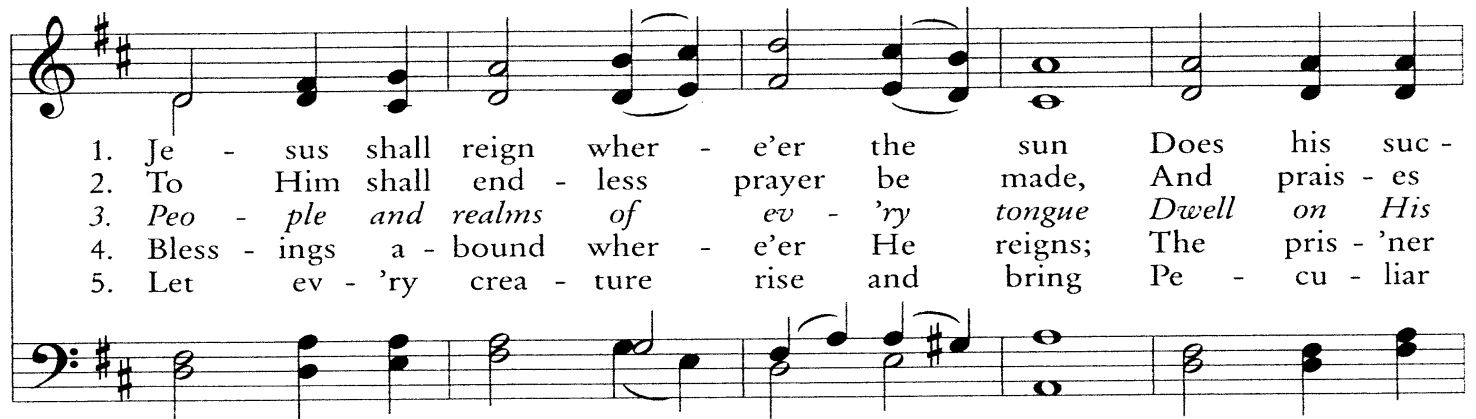
"When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen" Matthew 28:17-20

## God's People Respond With Singing

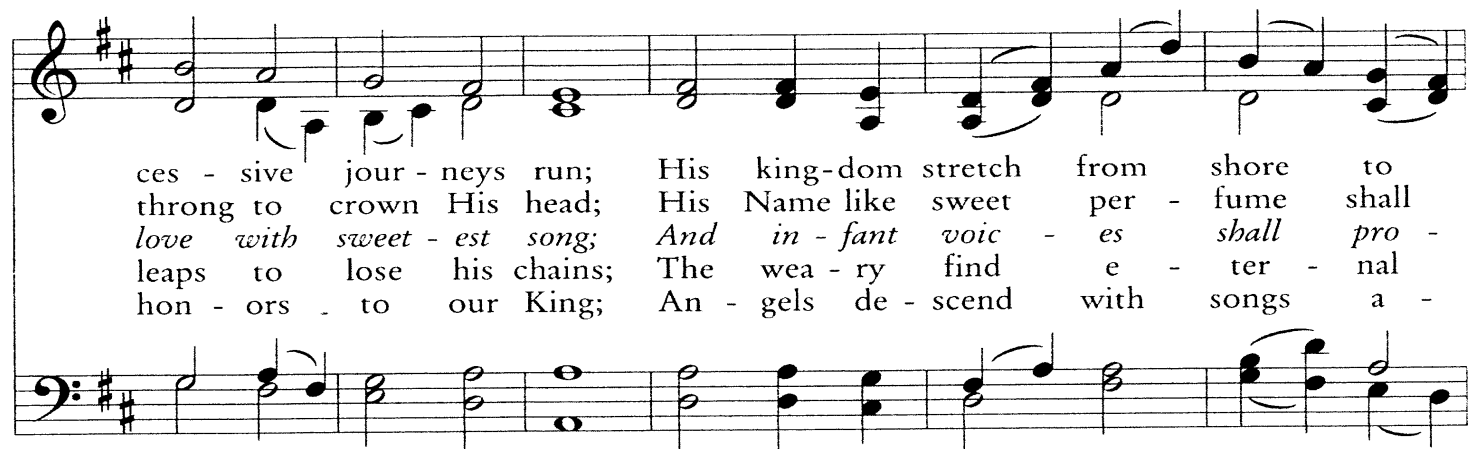
### Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET (L.M.)  
John Hatton, 1793

Isaac Watts, 1719



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does his suc -  
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - 'ner  
5. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from shore to  
throng to crown His head; His Name like sweet per - fume shall  
*love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es shall pro -*  
leaps to lose his chains; The wea - ry find e - ter - nal  
hon - ors - to our King; An - gels de - scend with songs a -



shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
rise With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
*claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His Name.*  
rest, And all the sons of want are blessed.  
gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men!

## God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

*Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them,  
and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22*

**“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.” 2 Corinthians 13:14**

## God’s People Depart to Serve the Risen & Reigning Savior by singing:

### Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri

Lord, now let- test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va- tion, Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo-ple;

A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tiles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple is - - ra- el.

-- With Lifted Hands --

Glo- ty be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost;

as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now and ev- er shall be, world with- out end. A- men.

## The Heidelberg Catechism – Lord’s Day 18

49. What benefit do we receive from Christ’s ascension into heaven?

**First, that He is our Advocate in the presence of His Father in heaven.[1] Second, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge, that He as the Head, will also take us, His members, up to Himself.[2] Third, that He sends us His Spirit as an earnest,[3] by whose power we seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God, and not things on the earth.[4]** [1] 1 Jn. 2:1; Rom. 8:34. [2] Jn. 14:2; 20:17; Eph. 2:6. [3] Jn. 14:16; Acts 2:33; 2 Cor. 5:5. [4] Col. 3:1; \*Jn. 14:3; \*Heb. 9:24.

50. Why is it added: “And sits at the right hand of God”?

**Because Christ ascended into heaven for this end, that He might there appear as the Head of His Church,[1] by whom the Father governs all things.[2]** [1] Eph. 1:20–23; Col. 1:18. [2] Jn. 5:22; \*1 Pet. 3:22; \*Ps. 110:1.